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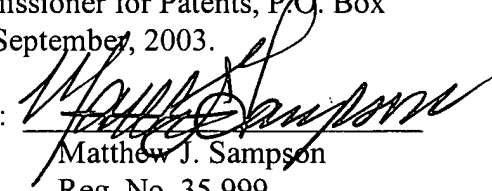
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, and in accordance with the duty of candor set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a copy of completed PTO Form-1449.

**I. U.S. PATENTS**

	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
1.	5,766,015	Shpiro	June 16, 1998
2.	6,134,529	Rothenberg	October 17, 2000

**II. FOREIGN PATENTS**

	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
1.	WO 99/13446	Gottesfeld	March 18, 1999
2.	WO 01/82264	Lee et al.	November 1, 2001

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| 3. | WO 02/50803 | Shpiro              | June 27, 2002 |
| 4. | WO 01/52231 | Innovative Tracking | July 19, 2001 |

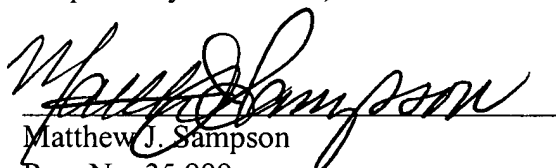
### **III. OTHER DOCUMENTS**

1. International Search Report for PCT/US03/01667
2. Manolis Perakakis, "Distributed Speech Recognition", Technical University of Crete, Online, June 24, 2001.

### **IV. DISCUSSION**

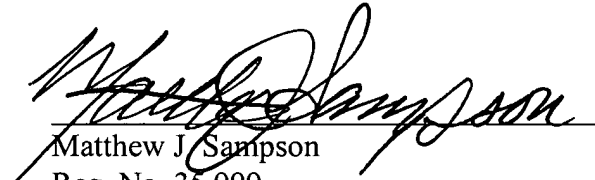
Applicant submits that these documents, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest the claimed subject matter. The relevance, as it is presently understood by the undersigned, of each reference listed herein is that the references have been identified in an International Search Report in a counterpart international application. A copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the entirety of each document and make them of record in this application. Applicant's submission of these documents for consideration is not to be construed as an admission that the documents qualify as prior art to the claimed subject matter, a representation that a search has been made, nor as an admission that the information is considered to be material to patentability.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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